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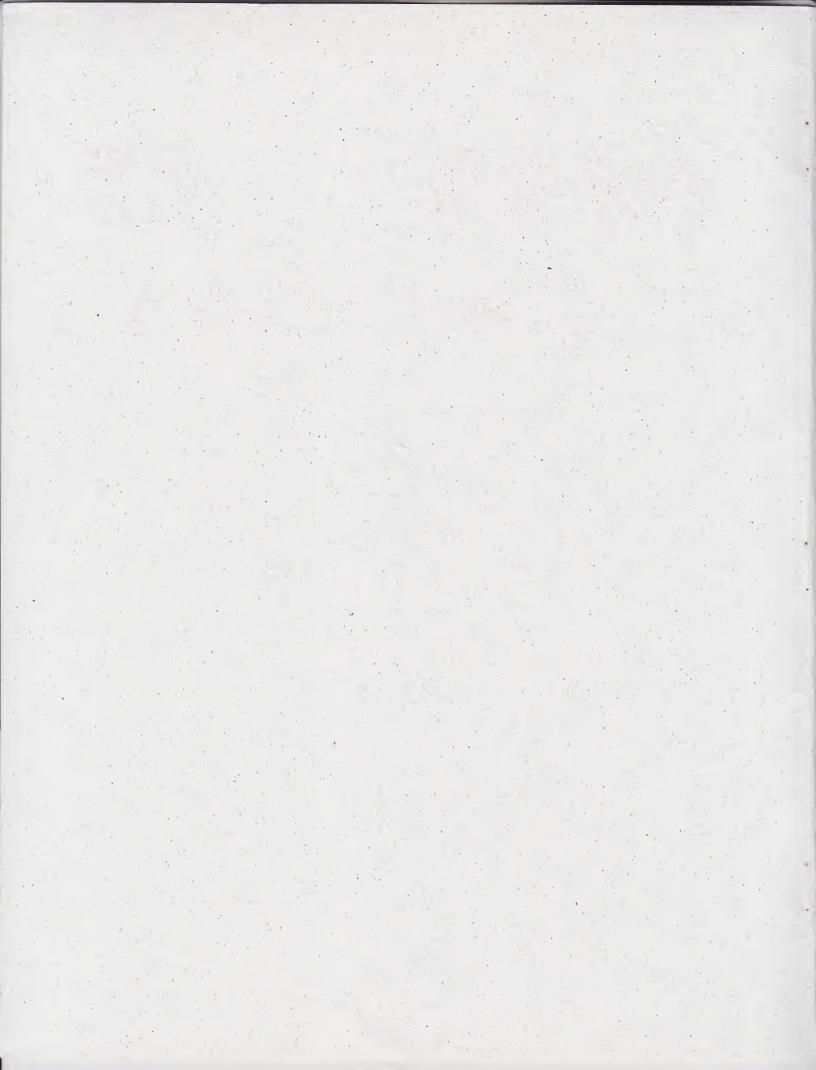
What Happened August 21?

And more...



The state does not permit me to use my thoughts to their full value and communicate them to other men... unless they are its own...otherwise it shuts me up.

-Max Stirner



This, the first issue of love, equality, liberation, and resistance, is dedicated to Corynn.

an · ar · chism (an 'er kiz' m) n. [anarch(y) + ism] 1. the theory that all forms of government interfere unjustly with individual liberty and should be replaced by the voluntary association of cooperative groups 2. resistance, sometimes by terrorism, to organized government.

-Webster's New World Dictionary

EDUCATION=LIBERATION

Education, to share information, to enlighten. The reason we felt compelled to start the NWAC was mainly to distribute important information that would otherwise go unnoticed. We have a hard time dealing with the fact that while the government is in the process of completely destroying our lives, people are turning their backs and wasting time and effort on menial social garbage.

If you feel that your efforts would help, or even make someone think about their responsabilities towards change, then that is the reason we're doing this. Nobody holds a monopoly on the truth, but there are alot of really dedicated people that have some great ideas, opinions, and feelings that can help others live, care, resist and learn.

As a collective we plan on accepting all forms of contribution and criticism, this will allow us to learn from each other on a collective basis.

PLEASE SEND ALL CONTRIBUTIONS; ESSAYS, LETTERS, POEMS, ART, GRAPHICS, PICTURES, RECIPES, ECT., TO: THE NWAC 2536 Alki Ave. S.W. Suite No. 224 Seattle, Wa. 98116

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OFFICER SMILES

FROM YOUR HOME NESTLED IN THE 'BURBS YOU CONTROL THE CITIES THRONGS. PROTECT THE YUPPIE, UPPITY, WEALTHY BY DAY AND INTIMIDATE "DEVIANTS" BEFORE DAWN.

BADGE IN PLACE, BATON AT WAIST YOU POSE IN TIP TOP SHAPE, WAITING FOR NIGHT TO FALL, EMPTY MALLS, NOW THE TRUTH ESCAPES.

YOU'RE THE KING FOR A SHIFT, THERE'S NO FAINT LINE ALLOWED, THEY EITHER BEND OVER AND TAKE IT OR GET BEAT TO THE GROUND.

DON'T BE SURPRISED TO SEE THE ODDS ARE EVEN AND THE POOR STOP PLEADING RELIEF BUT BARK REVENGE. WHEN THE ANGRY CROWD FACES OFF AGAINST YOUR PALS, RIOT ONCE AGAIN.

TURBULENCE WILL COME WHEN PEOPLE REALIZE IT'S A MATTER OF CLASS STRUGGLE NOT RACE. OFFICER SMILES, TURN AROUND TO KISS THE BRICK THATS BEEN HURTLED AT YOUR FACE.

THIS "DAMN BITCH OF AN ANARCHIST" IS DEAD... BUT HER VISION LIVES ON



"You damn bitch of an anarchist. I wish I could get at you. I would tear your heart out and feed it to my dog." — one of Emma Goldman's "well-wishers" while she was in jail on suspicion of complicity in the assassination of President McKinley.

Emma Goldman was one of the most fiery, inspirational anarchists who ever lived. She never lived to see her dream of an anarchist society. However, the Twin Cities anarchist community is doing whatever it can to ensure that Emma's dream of a society based on freedom, equality, and mutual aid will someday come to fruition.

The only way to achieve a free society is to build it. Twin Cities anarchists are working to build such a society in a small way with Emma, an anarchist community center. Emma's purpose is to provide a safe, open space for Twin Cities anarchists, community residents, and any other curious persons who happen to stop by. It is also established with the intention to strengthen the anarchist community's ties with other communities. The center sells locally made arts, crafts, records, and magazines of a radical nature, holds political meetings, gigs and performances, a cafe and a women's-only space one day a week (Sundays). Other plans are to open a food shelf, offer weekend child care and do lots of other great things. We've got the people, the spirit, the sweat, and a great space on 35th and Bloomington in the Powderhom community, across the street from Powderhom Co-op. However, we also want your help.

What we're asking is for you to pledge a certain amount of money to Emma per month to help keep us afloat. Whatever you can send each month, be it \$5,\$10,\$25 or whatever, is great. Also, to help us get off the ground initially, we're asking for one-

time pledges of as much as you can afford. If you can help us out, just fill out the form below and send your pledge to our address:

3451 Bloomington Ave. So., Minneapolis, MN 55407

We will have a phone number soon.

Emma is a volunteer-run, membership community center. Volunteers have voting privileges in general assembly meetings and can serve on committees. Those people who pledge \$10 or more per month also have voting privileges and may work on a committee. We still strongly encourage those of you who can't afford \$10 a month to pledge whatever you can and to volunteer at the center so you too can take part in its functioning.

Emma Community Center wants your help. Whether it's time, money, wet kisses or a combination of all three, we need it. This pledge system is one way we can really use your help to ensure that Emma will be around stirring fear in the hearts of cops, capitalists, and clergy for a long time to come (or at least until the revolution)!

Yours in Anarchy, Emma Community Center

EMMA COMMUNITY CENTER

3451 Bloomington Ave. South • Minneapolis, MN 55407

•I can afford to pledge of every month.	per month to support Emma. I will send my pledge on the
•I can afford to make a one-time pledge of	of to help Emma get off the ground.
• I would like to get involved in	Emma. Please call or write me with more info.
•NAME	PHONE
• ADDRESS	ZIP

Please make checks payable to Emma. Thanks.

EMMA COMMUNITY CENTER

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Emma Community Center, an outgrowth of the Twin Cities Anarchist Federation (TCAF), is a non-profit, tax-exempt community center established to build roots in the anarchist and local communities, through the promotion of creative, educational and political activities.

Emma Community Center is entirely run by volunteers. Decisions on its purpose, activities and direction are made by consensus, democratically, in a member-inclusive, non-hierarchical manner.

Emma Community Center provides a space for a variety of services and activities including but not limited to:

- A safe and comfortable atmosphere for political and cultural awareness and education. This includes space for meetings and open forums, and for the sale of newspapers, fanzines, literature and media specific to an anti-authoritarian perspective.
- The encouragement and promotion of creativity;
 - ♦ An outlet for the sale of locally made crafts and art, and music from inde pendent labels.
 - ♦ A space for performances by local bands, musicians, poets and artists, as well as for children's theater and film/video screenings.
- A weekend day-care collective providing free and/or affordable child care.
- A soup kitchen and food shelf open to the public.
- Regularly scheduled workshops for skills sharing; e.g. gardening, cooking, car maintenance, crafts, etc.

Emma's goal is to create an economically and politically self-sustaining, self-governing community for the proliferation and practice of an anarchist way.

THE MYTH OF HUMAN SUPERIORITY

AN ANIMALS UNCONDITIONAL RIGHT TO EQUALITY

There is no reason why humans believe that exploiting non-humans is justifiable, nor is there reason to the flagrant lack of compassion and consciousness when it comes to the treatment of animals. The holocaust of Nazi Germany was looked apon as an atrocious display of brutality, human life being callously destroyed, yet the holocaust that happens every day around the world is simpley ignored. Why is this? Perhaps people feel that because of an animal's inability to communicate on a human level, that this renders them unable to suffer and unequal? I think a more appropriate explanation would be because of mankind's greedy blood lust, and continual strife for a more "convenient" (exploitive) lifestyle. Anything that mankind does, no matter how evil, can always be justified by a misinformed public and their moral and religious beliefs. Bloodthirsty humans need little justification for their massacre of nature, but armed with faith they are a non-stoppable, self-promoting holocaust 1 So humans will continue to destroy the environment, kill one another in war, and carry on the tradition of animal torture, murder, and slavery. Without drastic change in public opinion, none of these things will ever change. What I am trying to convey with this article is that the myth of human's superiority over animals is not a myth to most, and that (conscious or unconscious) domination is still very prominant in people's minds, maybe even yours.

Let me make one <u>fact</u> very clear, NO ONE IS SUPERIOR TO ANOTHER, NO GENDER, NO RACE, NO CLASS, AND NO SPECIES. How one can claim to be an equalist, and still continually discredit, and neglect the issue of animal rights is inconceivable. You cannot claim to be an equalist, and then allege that this equality does not extend to non-humans, that is complete hypocrisy. I am not saying, to any extent, that those who do not feel as passionately about animal rights as others, are bigots, I am saying that those who feel strongly about freedom and equality, need to include everyone, humans and non.

It has been suggested to me that expending so much energy toward animal rights is somewhat of a "cop-out". Slavery, violence, suffering, torture

and murder are very real, and saying that making efforts to try to stop it is a "cop-out", is a cop-out. People who have been brain washed with the false sense of superiority from day one, who have become so indulgent on an unconscious exploitive way of living, that they plainly cannot see the atrocities that they are participating in. As far as saying that any person concerned with animal rights, is not concerning themselves with important issues, is absolute stupidity.

IRERATE Speak out for those who can not speak, believe that



"above" nonhumans, are self-serving egotists. Trying to reason with these speciests is close to imposible, they are so consumed

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ANIMAL EXPLOITATION

grandeur, that any legitimate argument will by conveniently overlooked and discredited as fanatisism. Some animal rights activists have actually suggested that the only solution of dealing with these people, is to kill them. I do not completely agree with this, taking away a human's right to live, no matter how completely ignorant and misdirected he or she is, is no different than taking away an animal's right to live. Vivisectors, hunters, and the meat industry murder and torture thousands of animals every day, this, truthfully makes me feel emotions of hate and disgust toward these cold-blooded butchers, and sometimes I can't help but want to react in a hostile manner, (ie: to want to kill them). In my opinion killing to stop killing, or for any reason, is hypocritical and wrong. "Bringing to light" the atrocities of these barbaric scum may turn public opinion against them.

Hypothetically, if there were a human and a dog drowning in a pool, and you had to choose between saving one or the other, who would you save? Now, if there were a black man and a white man drowning in a pool, who would you save? What I am trying to achieve with these questions is, what is

the fucking difference! Did you answered the first question with something along the lines of the human, because he or she is one of your own? We all know that blacks and whites do not come from the same origins, and have some blatant physical and cultural differences, does this make someone from another race <u>not</u> one of your own? An animal and a human are two very different beings, but it's not a question of difference, it's a question of that particular beings capacity to feel pain, to suffer. To inflict pain, torture, and misery (be it physical, or mental) on any animal, human or non is (as if you need to be told) cruel.

There are many alternotives to an exploitive lifestyle, if there is no profit to be made from animal exploitation, and public opinion turns against those who profit from it, then individuals as well as corporations will stop the indiscriminate murder. In 1989, a massive arson fire caused \$100,000 in damages to the University of Arizona's animal research laboratory. This, and many other attacks on those who insist on murdering for profit, have directly taken a massive blow to their profit margin.

I am not a self righteous person to any extent, and I am not saying that I lead a completely non-exploitive lifestyle. No one can be completely "cruelty free", that is, with the system set up as it is now, but those who decide to try, be it through a change in eating habits, or even direct actions against those who promote animal exploitation, will set an example for the others to follow.

¹ Screaming Wolf;
A Declaration of War:
Killing People
To Save Animals
And The Environment
(I do not indorse, nor recommend this publication.)

UNSEEN THEY SUFFER UNHEARD THEY CRY IN AGONY THEY LINGER IN LONLINESS THEY DIE



EXFRINGE MANIFEST RING

IS FORMATIVE; IS IN PROCESS; IS CONCERNED WITH

DESELFMARGINALIZING; IS DYNAMICALLY EVOLVING ACCORDING

TO THE DESIRES OF PARTICIPANTS; IS POSSIBLY A NONCOMMERCIAL NETWORK THRU WHICH TO EXCHANGE ART, IDEA,
INFO, PERSPECTIVE, MINDAMMUNITION; IS CREATING AND
DISTRIBUTING, EACH PARTICIPANT DOING AS THEY WISH WITH
WHAT THEY GET (FLYER-POSTER DISTRIBUTING, FANZINE-FORM
COMPILING, PERSONAL COLLECTING AND DISTRIBUTING AND
EMPOWERING, REMANIPULATING VISUAL/CONCEPTUAL STIMULI,
TEACHING, STREET PREACHING, SPOUTING SENSE, PLANTING SMALL,
FRIENDLY BOMBS/SEEDS OF INSIGHT, EXCHANGING AND REEXCHANGING, CORRESPONDING, DOCUMENTING, RECORDING,
HUNTING, GATHERING, GROWING, BUILDING, EXPERIMENTING,
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PERSPECTIVE AND LIFESTYLE); IS AWAITING YOUR INPUT

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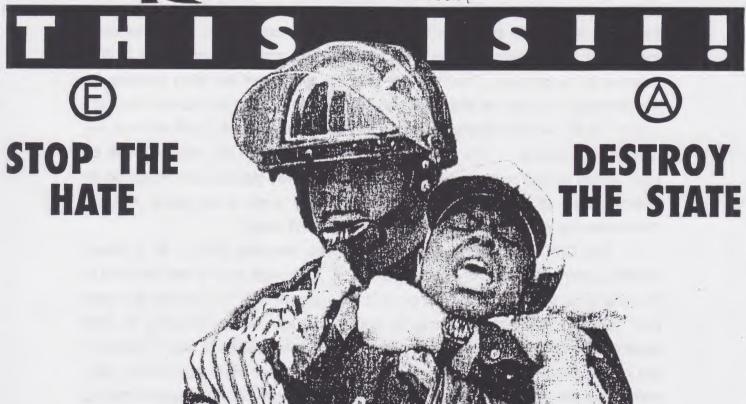
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CA 94110

THIS IS NOT ANABOMINATION...





The top picture is from a flyer distributed in the U - District by Aryan Nations. Please send your letters, and other assorted gifts to:

Aryan Nations
PO BOX 362
Hayden Lake, ID
83835

The Institution of Racism

In the constant struggle faced by the poor in battling our legendary enemy 'the state' we are constantly being divided and conquered. The underprivileged of this nation are an excellent case in point. Our racial diversity has been exploited by the ruling powers since the first slave ship landed on the east coast.

Before the introduction of African peoples into the european system of labor distribution, the wealthy aquired slaves from white debters and Native American people (whom tended to quickly die off from abuse and foreign disease). The ruling families were posed with a dilemma when enslaving debtors was no longer allowed and the natives would grow ill, dying off quickly (business scum rule #1194: a sick worker is less productive, thus financially inefficient). The African slave was to solve this problem and serve a dual purpose in the process. The first was that they eliminated the labor problem for the plantation owners in the soulth by forced toil. This increased the profit margin for the wealthy families who neglected the African the most minimal pay or slightest privilege. The second purpose was to ease the inferiority felt by poor whites in both north and south. The African was treated and promoted as nothing short of a savage, and the white poor were encouraged to build themselves up on the fact that "at least they weren't black".

The Civil war erupted as a result of two seperate groups of clustered wealth jockeying for control of a single nation. The north won in the end and in the twenty to thirty years following used the government to support whatever path northern businessmen chose to take. As most victors in battle, it dealt harshly with the conquered south. Many freed blacks started to claim a stake in the new social order but traditions die hard and a bitter white community soon enforced a new hierarchy based on the laws of slavery. With the help of the Ku Klux Klan (driven by poor white resentment) white landowners kept black families in a system that resemble a medieval structure. The black would work the old plantation owner's land and was subject to his tax and whims. Blacks

had progressed such an infintesimal amount since the war that it was hardly worth their trouble. Not only were they kept in bondage from fear of losing their land they used to sustain a family, they also had to deal with the wrath imposed on them by the K.K.K.

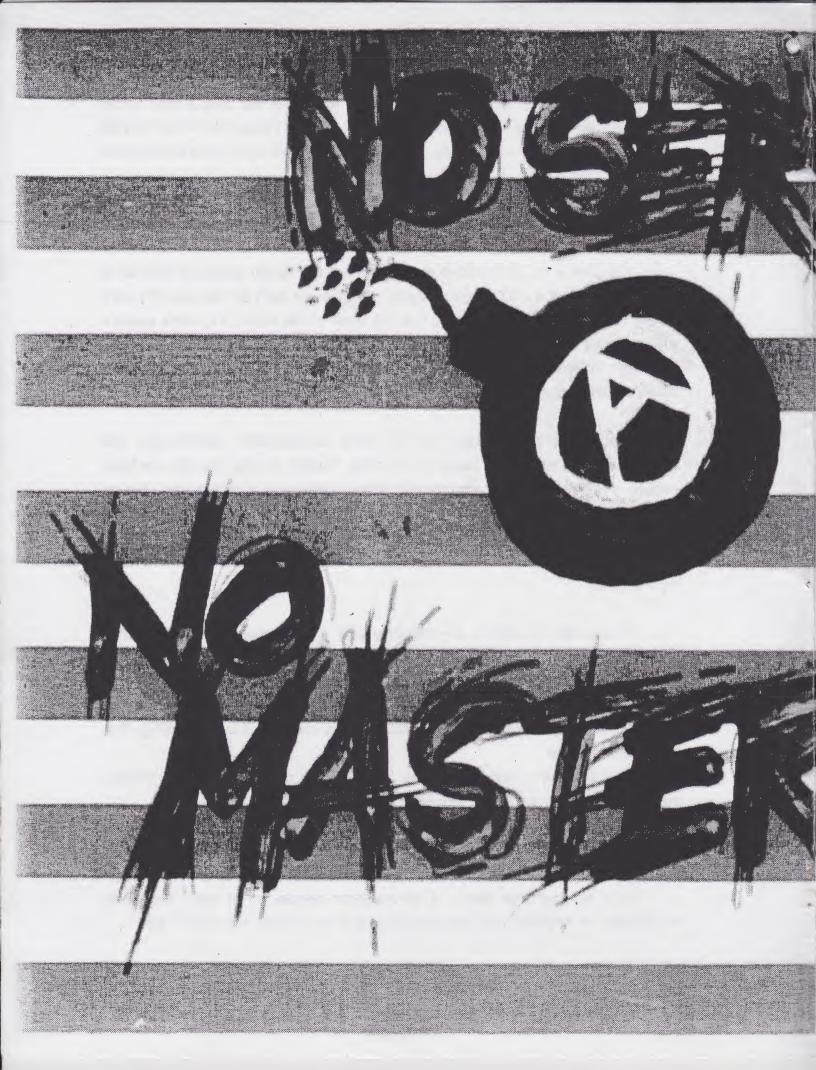
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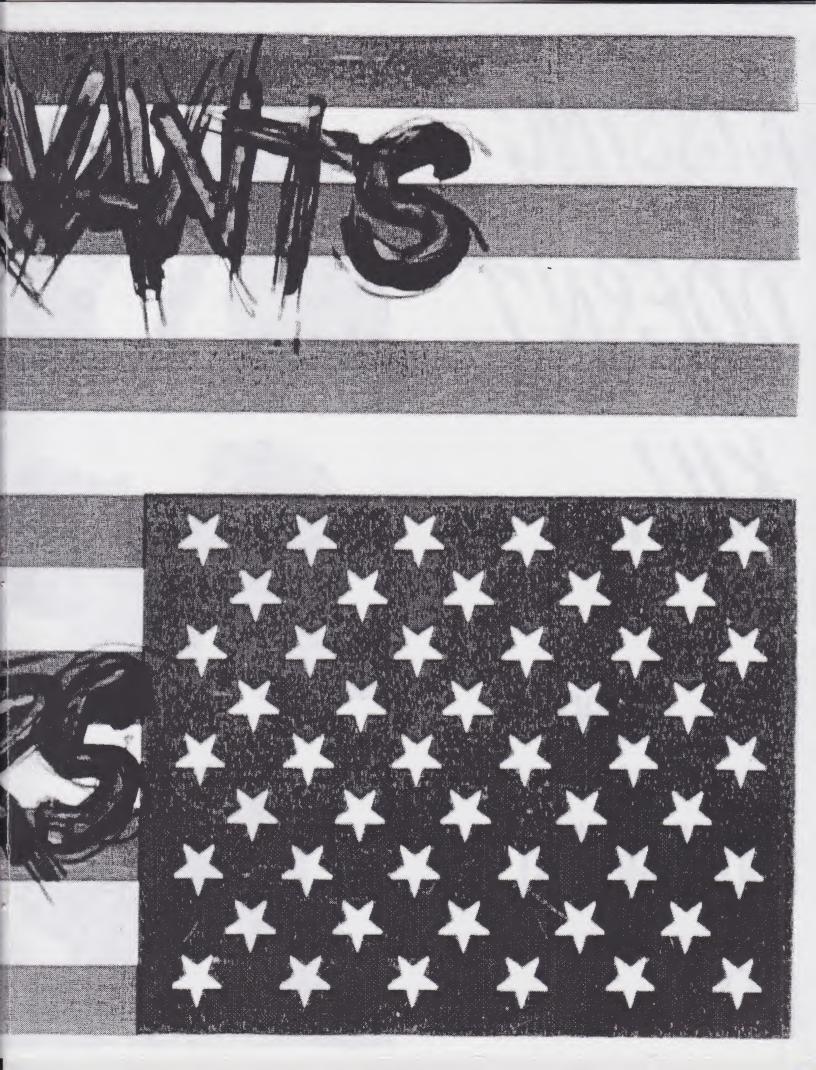
To give a comprehensive examination of the racism plaguing this world today is worthy of a 2000 page analysis. I obviously can't do this, and if I did it would be littered with conclusions that fall short of the mark. To come about a well rounded view I encourage you, the reader, to evaluate the facts as you see them and independently study the subject that every human being should come to grips with. Because it has infected us all.

Racism is an Ideology just as much as capitalim, communism and anarchism are. Just as we have Communists, Taoists, Capitalists, etc. we have racists. A group of people who ascribe to the philosophy of racism and take on the mental structure of supremacy by standard of skin color and/or culture. I will now quit my speech and cut to the chase by presenting some possible guidlines for Institutionalized racism. I would appreciate any response or expansions on my thoughts.

- 1. In order to enforce any ideology over a population you must be in a position of power.
- 2. We all have prejudice in some form or another, but racial prejudice is a symptom of racism which brings people closer to conversion into racist teaching.
- 3. Anyone, of any race can be racist if they choose. It is an ideology that is interchangeable.
- 4. In this nation where the power structure was created and run by whites, the only form of racism that is ingrained into the establishment is white.
- 5. Minorities are forced to buckle under to white racism if they wish to enjoy and priviledge that the system has to offer.

End the cycle of hate. It serves poor people in no way, except to perpetuate the anger which makes our lives one step closer to a hell on earth.



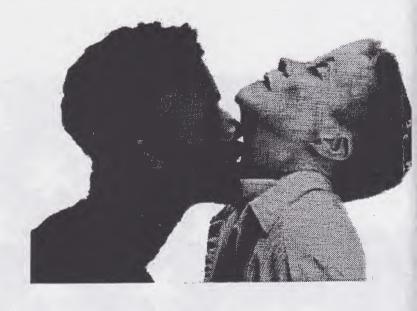


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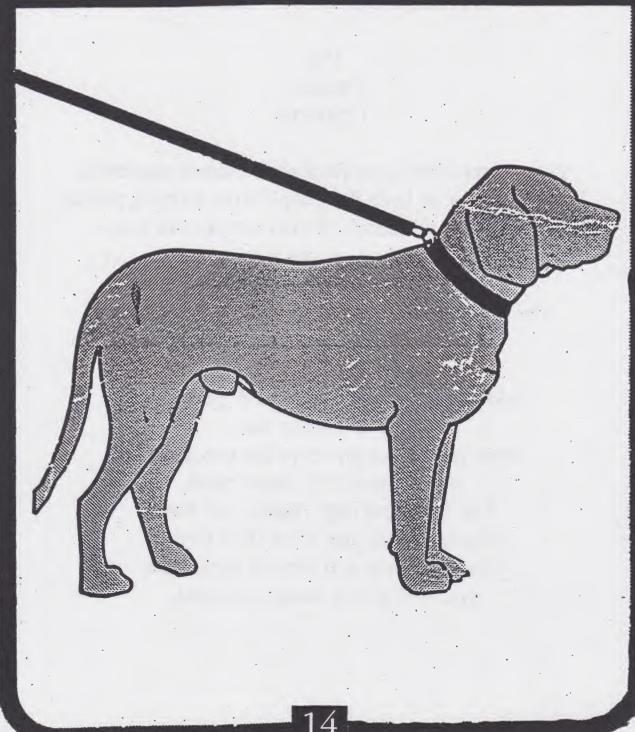
Fear, greed, and inaction







TOWN DON'T DO



CLASS WAR NOW!

Society is divided into two classes, those who rule, and those who must obey...

Pay Produce Conform

You are rendered powerless to the state's aggresion. Laws are made to keep the people from gaining power. The state will decide if thier actions are just, for they are the justice. You have no rights. The state would like you to believe that you are free in their democratic society. You are a brain washed prisoner, led to believe that, like a child, your needs will always be met. when you no longer serve the needs of the state, you will be abandoned. You are of no importance, you have no say, unless you serve thier power, your existence will remain unnoticed, your voice will remain unheard.

WHAT HAPPENED, YOU ASK? THE COPS GOT THE CASH

On August 21st in Seattle, a punk rock show was shut down by police on the grounds that the promoter didn't have the proper fire permitt to meet safety regulations. All money earned by the non-profit show was taken away by detective Michael Nolan and no receipt was given despite requests for one.

Police informed the promoters prior to the 21st that they would shut down the proposed concert. So the promoters had gone to great lengths to insure that their concert could not be shut down legally by obeying all rules and producing the correct permits (except fire). They succesfully promoted no alcohol consumption inside the hall, providing free non-alchoholic drinks. But those naughty cops kept their word.

While the second of five bands set up their instruments to play five officers wandered through the hall searching for an inkling of alcohol which would allow them to end it legally. None was found but they did manage to confinscate reading material from a guy who had the nerve to sell it without a business license.

More police began congregating outside waiting for their superiors to figure out a way to shut the place down. Eventually the king-pig asked for the only permit that hadn't already been shoved before his glowing amber eyes and upon victory decided that non-profit, all ages, anarcho, shows were really just fundraisers for the policemans ball. With a quick slight of hand Johnny Law snapped up the cash box.

The audience was already upset that the show they had paid five smackers for was no more and it was interesting to see the amount of restraint it took on the part of the people to not completely lose it when word got out about the SPD donation that was ROBBED out from under

I made as much of an inquiry as I could into the police action in the days following. To no one's suprise, my own included, The Seattle Police Department gave me fuck all for information, but after grilling the cop on the phone for some time he admitted some things to me.

First, there wasn't a single complaint from anyone in the community about noise or any other disturbance. Secondly there was no record of the whole affair in police computers.

I would like to also convey a "rumor" that has reached my ears on quite a few occasions. Invision this; Seattle Bar owners cut a deal with the police to end all ages alternative concerts in order to force the proliferation of bands to play through their venues.\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$

For what its worth, heres Detective Mike Nolans office and pager #

office: (206) 684-8660 pager: 982-4476

OFFICER'S INVOLVED (BADGE #'S):

S.K STRAND #1251 B.E. JOHNSON #2433 C.L. WILLIAMSON #2396 #1230 D.J. MEYER #14(K-9) J.D. ELLIOT #2527 S.L. KARR V.R. ADKINSON #224 T.D. SIMPSON #1953 H. BAUER #840

R.V. SABAY #1940 **J.A. MANNING #1235**

Those who paid money, remember that the SPD owes you!



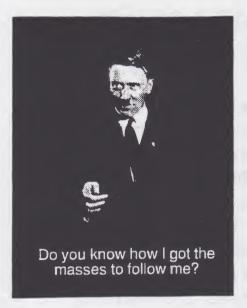
PLEASE DON'T SHOP AT BEST STORES

RESPECT THE BEST EMPLOYEES PICKET LINE. SUPPORT FAIRNESS IN THEIR AND ANY OTHER WORKPLACE.

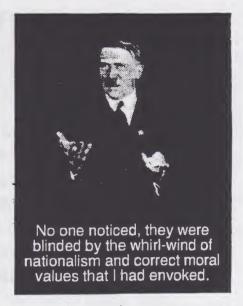
MOST OF THE EMPLOYEES ON STRIKE HAVE WORKED AT BEST FOR MORE THAN TEN YEARS AND HAVE SEEN FOUR DIFFERENT OWNERS. WAGE RAISES OVER THE PAST 6 YEARS TOTAL 41 CENTS. TAKING INFLATION INTO ACCOUNT, THAT IS REALLY A 16% CUT.

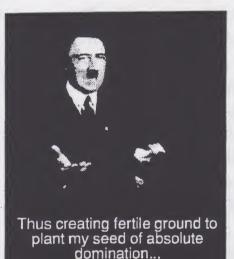
NOW THE OWNERS WANT TO CUT THEIR MEDICAL AND FREEZE WAGES FOR 2 MORE YEARS.

UNTIL THE STRIKE HAS ENDED, SHOP ELSEWHERE!

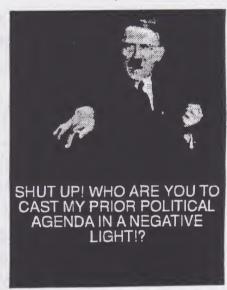


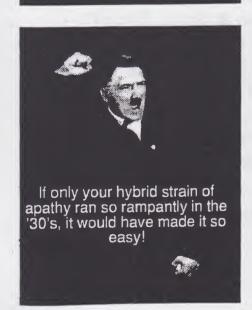


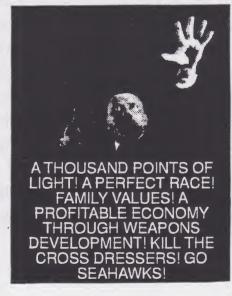














A UNITED RESISTANCE

- Wenona, Kirkland, WA

Do we want to be blind to the truth and become the materialistic robots the government strives to create? They want to keep us all in line, hear no evil, speak no evil, see no evil. They want to exercise their values and worship a god that represents racism, sexism, homophobia, greed and unfaltering dominance. Their values consist of money-hungry power, bias education, industrialized destruction and a never ending facade that promises liberty and justice for all. The new world order will be upon us soon, our government is endeavoring with great effort to draw together diverse nations into one party that will become more dominant and Marxist than any other. They force feed their land of the free bullshit and begininning at five years of age they brainwash us, teaching their backward values in our public schools, more than 3/4 of our population are blind bigots and they don't even realize it. We try to inform them, but they don't want to see and they don't want to hear, so they continue with their comfortable, sheltered lives, believing the government works for the people, all the while they and their world are being destroyed. If you're proud to be an American, then you're proud of being ruled by a facist government that puts the importance of owning arms and nuclear weapons before that of human beings. To them it is all a competition and who or what they have to destroy to get to the top is no concern to them. If you're proud to be an American, then you're proud to be a racist, sexist, homophobic, dominator that jokes about rape and homosexuality. We must not only open our eyes to the dilapitation of this country, but to the poverty and turmoil in others. Such as Africa, where apartheid caused unmounting prejudism against the African race and the starvation which is caused mostly by the bureaucratic and imbecilic advisement of the government, but blamed on the land and enviroment. We must all fight together and resist the ignorance, the contradiction, the cruelty and destruction that is being caused. We can't allow them to enslave us anymore.



Anarchism: where from...where to?

With the worldwide expansion of "revolutionary" communist parties in the 20th century (backed by the money and military force of the ex-U.S.S.R.) and immense joy planted in our brains while the power-trio celebrates the victory. The proletariat find themselves back where they were ninety years ago, before the Marxists offered them hope for a better future. But the light at the end of the revolutionary tunnel turned out to be nothing more than an oncoming freight train carrying new dictators into office. The "revolution" turned out to be basically a coup for the bolsheviks.

Preceding the bolshevik conquest in Russia; between approx. 1870 and 1900 anarchism was seen as an equally menacing threat to both monarchies and nations making transitions into an industrial based economy. Before the communist scare of the 1920s there existed just as much an anti-state socialist movement. But this period in history is neglected and the extent of anarchist influence during has been forgotten. Historians seem to ignore failed struggles and dwell of the successes. "Give flowers to the rebels failed an Italian anarchist once wrote in prison.

During this time there were many acts of terror performed against the state by both anarchist groups and individuals who never claimed their politics but recieved their ideas from Bakunins teachings "Propoganda by the deed" was the theory of inciting revolution by individual acts of terrorism. It was believed that with assassinations of monarchs, heads of state and bombings to symbolized contempt for the society as a whole, two things would be accomplished. One; throw the system into disorder and provide a weakness that can be exploited by following revolutionary assaults. Second: terrorism that victimizes the state shatters the perception of invulnerability the ruling class portrays. When the proletariate is witness to these displays their apathy is lifted and a stronger resistance is built. This is where the word anarchism became synonymous with violence even though the vast majority of anarchists were involved with producing posters, pamphlets, and discussing philosohpy. Small bands usually numbering no more than two to three participants conspired on there own "propaganda by deed". Infamous acts of violence had the rulers of Europe and the world trembling. The police forces of Italy, Spain, and France all set up false anarchist groups to entrap local troublemakers. It is even widely believed that police themselves had committed bombings in order to justify a round up of suspected anarchists. A large problem with taking such direct and uncompromised action was that it became fashionable for common criminals to plead their crimes were motivated by anarchist politics. These people were possibly seeking either more fame, compassion or simple rationalization for murder of the innocent. Thanks to these individuals the once clearly antigovernment actions had been muddied by petty thieves, muggers and thugs who would prey mainly on the accessible working class. The states' capitalized on such incidents, propagating the false stereotype that anarchist seek violence

and their actions have no provocation. "Psychotic malcontents with disturbed means and no desire for an end." is the definition that still holds true in todays ill informed society. Blatant prejudice.

Historys primary function is to help us see the mistakes of our past and allow us to plan and prepare for a better future. That is why you often find vital information hard to locate in its untampered form and why what you are taught in social studies is so distorted and watered down. The government tries to forget the past, and conceal the awful truth it holds. When a new war is waged, the whistle blown on a politician, or horrible oppressions uncovered, it is always suprising to the majority of the population and second chances are always given. Like a sitcom from the 50's that is continually rerun over and over again. A disgusting show that everyone despises and has seen numerous times. But when the new season rolls around they all sit passively in front of their television watching just one more time. The population is generally so shortsighted that they don't realize how many second chances have been given.

In my opinion, it is time to change the channel before this sour display we witness buries us. Like the rise and dicline of caring people before us we are under attack everyday, overtly and covertly. Though the light cast on anarchist theories by the powers in control will always be a negative one and the movement's portrayed popularity will most likely always be low in this or any system run by the few. Remember one thing. How can you be wrong when you fight for freedom or seek to uplift the downtrodden? How can a vision of nourished masses or sharing the land with all those who walk and work upon it be obscene? I believe these things to be very wise and noble things to strive for. If the difference I or any other human being am making comes into question, the sad answer might be; not much. Yet we must all try (no matter what politics bind you) to speak out before the last person to whisper compassion is bludgeoned on the soldiers bayonet or crucified on the front pages of cheap media.



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Chemical Waste Management, Inc. (Chem Waste) plans to build a plant to burn toxic and radioactive materials at the Hanford nuclear reservation. The proposal includes two incinerators to burn commercial hazardous waste and mixed wastes, those that are both hazardous and radioactive, from waste generators and Department of Energy sites across the nation.

Chem Waste proposes to site the Hanford facility on land leased by the Washington State Department of Ecology. A task force has been created to make a recommendation to the Director of Ecology by October 1992 whether to sublease the land to Chem Waste. An agreement to sublease would make Washington State both landlord and regulator of the toxic and radioactive waste incinerators --- a clear conflict of interest.

Incineration poses a serious threat to public health and the environment. Burning hazardous waste in an incinerator releases heavy metals, unburned wastes, and toxic combustion products in smokestack emissions, bottom ash and residues from pollution control devices. Many combustion products, such as dioxin, are more toxic, persistent and bioaccumulative than the original wastes.

Incineration of mixed waste cannot reduce radioactivity. Instead incineration will release both toxic and radioactive products such as tritium, carbon-14 and iodine into the environment. In 1990, scientists at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in Livermore, California rejected a mixed waste incinerator proposal stating, "We view incineration as a violation of the cardinal principle of radioactive waste treatment; namely, containing radioactivity rather than spreading it."

Take action now. Write or call Washington State officials to tell them to deny the sublease to Chem Waste and stay out of the business of poisoning the environment.

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BOOK REVIEWS

THE ANARCHIST COLLECTIVES: WORKERS' SELF-MANAGMENT IN THE SPANISH REVOLUTION 1936-1939

Edited by Sam Dolgoff Introductory Essay by Murry Bookchin Published by Black Rose Books 1990 Aprox. book cost: \$16.00

The book begins with an overview of the events leading up to the Spanish Revolution, basically explaining, in brief, some historical facts and what the facist leadership was doing to Spain and it's people. I felt that, as informative as it was, it was moderately "dry". After reading past the first four chapters, WOW, they really did it! If you've ever wondered how an anarchist society would operate, this is the book for you. I was amazed at the detail that the writers used when describing how the collective system worked. From the textile industry, to health care, no stone was left unturned.

This book is a must for anyone wanting to really learn how anarchism works, not just philosophically, but mechanically.

WAR CRIMES: A REPORT ON UNITED STATES WAR CRIMES AGAINST IRAQ

A report by Ramsey Clark (former U.S attorny general) and others published by maisonneuve press appox:\$13.00

The format of war crimes and the overall writing tends to put you to sleep with it very methodical approach. Much of the writing is presented as it would be in a court of law. This has its good points and its bad ones as well. A definate plus is how accesible the raw facts and strong points af argument are, yet the book looses intensity as you progress past the first half.

Much of my problem with the book is that the authors (numerous) never spent time dealing with the fact that war <u>IS</u> crime and that the Coalition (U.S.) / Iraqi conflict was not an exception. I understand that for them to broaden their scope as such would dillute the books focus but at times I wish they would have.

Bribery, Cold blooded massacre, Lies, Corruption, and just about all the suspictions you have when the government gets its hands dirty are all documented in this book. Documented and backed up with testimony and evidence that leaves little room for any more sidestepping on Bush's part.

ISLANDS IN THE STREET: Gangs and American Urban Society

Martin Sanchez Jakowski 1991,University of California Press Aprox. book cost: \$13.00

The author deserves both a personal acknowledgment for the great lengths he went to in maintaining the anonimity of both gangs and gang members and secondly for the risks he undertook in examining the subject. From 1978 to 1989 he entered the individual gangs he was observing (with their consent) and carried on with each as if actually one of them. Latin-American, African-American and Irish gangs are heavily represented in the study offering a thorough example of how gangs operate in various regions and under different ethnic code.

Interesting throughout, this book will grip you and shatter commonly held myths perpetuated by the media of your "senseless" gangbanger who is a terror to one and all. Martin properly emphasises the reality of a gang that is very reliant on community approval along with a community who takes interest in its local gang's activity.

This is one of the best non-fiction books I have ever read. For those whose knowledge on gangs is based to the movie "Colors", I recommend this book as intensive therapy.

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